

WEATHER
Showers today;
tomorrow fair
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SMOKELESS POWDER BARGE; THREE

REFUGEES ARE TAKEN TO CHINA

Medical Supplies Needed at Yokohama for Injured and Victims of Disease

SHOCKS DIMINISHING

More News Coming Through of Foreigners Who Escaped—Many Still Missing

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Although latest reports from Japan lead to the hope that the death toll is not as large as has been feared, the destruction wrought by the earthquake, tidal wave and fire has been tremendous.
A dispatch from Shanghai this morning says that information received there today makes it apparent that the losses, both in fire and property, were "much exaggerated." Different sources agree, however, that two-thirds of Tokyo has been laid waste. A message from the American consul at Shanghai to the State Department quotes a British cruiser at Yokohama as authority for the statement that that city has been virtually destroyed.
Three United States destroyers have arrived at Yokohama and taken aboard 300 Americans.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 7. (By The Associated Press).—Refugees from the earthquake at Yokohama are proceeding to Kobe, the Japanese consulate here is advised. Three ships loaded of them are expected to sail for China, arriving here probably this week end.

Telegrams from Kobe urge the immediate dispatch of large quantities of medical supplies. The first Red Cross unit was due to leave Shanghai today. Others will follow. Besides these measures are being organized, the Chinese are organizing relief units.

One report, which has not been confirmed, says cholera has broken out in the port.

The Tokyo home office still estimates the dead in the capital at 20,000, but makes no attempt to strike a total for Yokohama, the many coast towns that were in the path of the tidal waves, and the other communities that were in the earthquake zone.

The foreign and residential sections in both the capital and the port seem to have escaped the destruction, owing to their favorable location, but the slums and the industrial districts suffered severely. However, Tokyo's buildings of modern construction are said to have escaped.

As American supply ships across the Pacific, the people of the United States are responding generously to the appeal for help and it is believed that the \$5,000,000 Red Cross quota can be met.

All missionaries of the Reformed church are reported safe.

Alarm is still felt for Judge Charles Lombing of the United States district court for China, who left Mukden for Japan, August 2. Although it is not believed that he reached Yokohama before the earthquake, his silence in view of the persistent inquiries for him worries his friends here.

Judge Lombing was bound for Yokohama after a term of court at Harbin, Manchuria. He was accompanied by his wife, by United States District Attorney Leonard Husar, Mrs. Husar and United States Marshal Thurston Porter.

Yokohama was killed in the earthquake, says a British naval wireless received here. The wife of Surgeon General William Hingston, who was in charge of the Yokohama naval hospital, also was killed, but the remainder of his staff and their families escaped.

The Swiss minister and the personnel of the legation are safe. The German consul general Herr Thiel, and his family are also reported to have escaped.

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Red Cross Relief Drive To Open Here Tonight

The local chapter of the American Red Cross is making plans to aid the earthquake sufferers of Japan, the millions of homeless, thousands of injured and others who lack food and shelter. A big mass meeting will be held tonight in the council chamber at city hall at 8 o'clock to get the drive for funds under way. Tentative ways and means to secure the Perth Amboy quota of \$6,600 will be made tonight. Pastors of all the churches will be appealed to join the drive and assist in raising funds by a collection at next Sunday's services.

Isaac Alpern has been named the chairman of the emergency drive and efforts will be made to raise the sum asked before Monday in line with a telegraphic request made this morning by the national headquarters of the Red Cross at Washington to Miss Anna Borden, of the local chapter.

Today is a busy day at the Red Cross headquarters. Mrs. Adrian Lyon has been in communication with various heads of local plants and some fifty business men urging them to secure funds. Dr. Charles Silk, general chairman, is expected to appoint teams which will collect funds from various trades which have been assigned to.

The following telegrams have been received at Red Cross headquarters here. "President appealed nationally for contributions to help the Japanese disaster. Five million dollars must be collected and sent through the American Red Cross at Washington. Most prosperous territory embracing half America's Red Cross membership is urged to raise its quota immediately. Your chapter's quota is \$6,600. Organize as in war drives to raise quota assigned you. Unparalleled disaster requires your utmost efforts. Report division daily results by night letter during this week." Signed John Allen Dougherty, manager, Washington Division.

Another wire which was received today reads: "Imperative need Japanese disaster indicated by most recent report to executive committee American National Red Cross has resulted in appointment of Judge Elbert H. Gary, Director of the Japanese Relief Fund of the Washington Division. Judge Gary immediately issued following statement. 'In view of urgent need of the earthquake sufferers of the Japan disaster, chapters should regard assigned quotas as absolute minimum. Imperative these quotas be reached next Monday or earlier. Division must have at earliest moment definite information as to your returns'."

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SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVES BIDS

One Contract is Awarded—Night Schools Will be Continued This Year

Bids were received and the contract awarded last night at the meeting of the Board of Education for the water proofing of the walls of School No. 9. The contract was awarded to Charles Larson, whose bid was \$310. Two other bids for the work were received, these were Emil Ernst & Co., who bid \$633, and Benjamin Spivack, for \$360.

A communication from the board of education to the school board, dated Sept. 4, the board now rests with the present city attorney, it is believed.

The building committee was authorized to have iron gates placed at the entrance to School No. 4. The building committee was also authorized to award the work of alterations to the boilers of School No. 6, to the lowest bidder.

David Thomas appeared before the board and requested that local dealers in sporting goods be permitted to bid for the needs of the schools in the athletic line, instead of purchasing the goods direct from the manufacturer as has been done in the past. The committee reported that local dealers will be given an opportunity to submit bids for the various goods needed in the future.

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BRING CLIMAX IN COAL STRIKE

Mine Leaders and Mine Workers Will Meet this Afternoon for Conference

ARE IN PARTIAL ACCORD

Operators Meet Governor Pinchot's Program for Settlement—May Get Together

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 7. (By The Associated Press).—Governor Pinchot's attempt to end the suspension of anthracite mining was today headed toward a climax. Mine leaders of the mine workers were scheduled to meet at 3 P. M. to decide whether a full acceptance of his settlement terms could be given. For the mine operators a practically complete acceptance of the governor's peace proposals had been guaranteed, and the governor was expected to have the union's decision this afternoon.

Two days of bargaining between the committee of nine operators and the group of union officials, in which Governor Pinchot acted both as mediator and transmitter of views, resulted last night in the framing of a partial agreement.

The operators' group, which included S. D. Warriner as chairman, and A. B. Jessup, W. J. Richards and William Inglis, agreed in behalf of the employers to grant a 10 per cent increase to all anthracite workers, to establish the full eight-hour day, to recognize the union, and to concede the principle of collective bargaining. The four things which the union asked for in its proposals were agreed to in principle, but the understanding that the union officials held of the same terms.

Miners are hopeful. SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 7.—Anthracite mine workers were in an expectant mood as they awaited word today from Harrisburg on the outcome of the meeting of the full scale committee of the United Mine Workers which is to consider the peace proposals as they now stand. According to Governor Pinchot's statement of last night the operators are prepared to accept them, while the union officials are in accord with the proposal except on the check-off and the demand for a larger increase in pay for the men paid by the day.

It was said here among the workers that they are more interested in the increased pay than in the check-off, and they feel that if the union officials are successful in obtaining a larger advance for the day men the check-off demand might be dropped.

Mine workers are hopeful of an early end. If a settlement should come today or tomorrow, it is probable a delegate convention would be called to pass on the agreement. In the suspension of last year a week elapsed between the time the agreement was reached and the ratification by the miners' convention.

Steamer President Grant Safe. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The San Francisco office of the Shipping Board reported to the board today that the steamer President Grant, reported burned at Manila, is "safe in Manila harbor."

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Obituary Notice. EVERSON—Mrs. Sophia, 43 years old, died at her home, 224 Catherine Street, South Amboy, Wednesday, September 4th. Funeral services will be held from her late residence, Saturday, Sept. 8th at 3 P. M. Interment in Christ Church cemetery, South Amboy. 2732-2-7-15.

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Government Probe Is Requested By Geran

Congressman Elmer H. Geran in a statement today said that he had communicated with Brigadier General Williams, chief of ordnance, War Department, Washington, asking for an explanation as to why the so-called "useless and condemned smokeless powder" had been shipped in such a careless manner and without regard for public safety.

After a careful and thorough investigation of the flare-up and fire Congressman Geran sent the following message to General Williams: "Sept. 7, 1923. 'Brigadier General Williams, 'Chief, Ordnance, War Dept., 'Washington, D. C.

"Salvage condemned smokeless powder consigned to Atlas Powder Company, Lake Hopatcong, from Atlas Powder Company, Charleston, S. C., exploded at South Amboy coal docks of Pennsylvania railroad causing great damage and loss of life. Request that you assign a board of Army officers to make complete investigation in order that it may be determined who is responsible and if there was any criminal negligence.

It appears from information that two more barges are in transit to this point in thickly populated district and there may be a repetition of this catastrophe. Please advise me if the Ordnance Department have supervised this shipment inasmuch as loss of life appears to have been largely due to gross carelessness and negligence. The loss of life occurred on a main highway and not on railroad property. The explosives were described as being useless smokeless powder to be used in the manufacture of artificial leather. What requirements are set up by the Ordnance Department as to shipment of explosives in such instances? Wire me all information available at once.

"ELMER H. GERAN, "Member of Congress, "3d District New Jersey."

"It seems to me," said Mr. Geran, "that the time has arrived when some step should be taken to protect Perth Amboy and vicinity from further loss of life and property from explosives. I have it on authoritative information that there is stored at the Raritan Arsenal thousands of tons of high explosives which constantly endanger the people of Middlesex county and it is my purpose to present to the secretary of war a strong recommendation for the abandonment of all storage places for explosives in this district."

"In order to determine and fix the responsibility for the explosion last night I have had the co-operation of the Department of Justice. From the facts ascertained from officials of the Pennsylvania railroad and others, I find that the Atlas Powder Company was the owner of the smokeless powder which had been shipped from Charleston, S. C., to their plant at Lake Hopatcong, N. J. The powder was purchased from the government and was to be reclaimed so that a portion of its component parts might be used in the manufacture of artificial leather. The ordnance department of the government had described the powder as condemned and useless smokeless powder.

"There was at the time of the explosion about 5,600 cases of powder on the barge, Charles McLinane, hailing from New York, while 22,400 cases had been loaded in box cars and shipped out from the docks. Five cars which had been loaded during the day were nearby the dock and three of these were pulled out over the trestle on the railroad which passes over the main highway.

"From an examination of the charred wreckage it was observed that the smokeless powder was shipped and packed in old shell cases adding to the hazard which would naturally accompany the shipment of dangerous explosives. It is my information that the Atlas Powder Company, through their personal representatives, were supervising the trans-shipment of the smokeless powder from the barge to the freight cars.

"At the time I cannot say just how far the responsibility for the holocaust rests with the war department. However, I intend to see to it that some requirements calling for a strict supervision of the transportation of explosives be imposed and carried out. It is either the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission or the war department to take immediate steps to prevent a possible repetition of the disaster which occurred last night."

Assemblyman Harold G. Hoffman, of South Amboy, who is a member of the grand jury, called upon that body today for probe to ascertain whether criminal negligence was responsible for the fire and deaths in the fire at South Amboy last night, which resulted in loss of life and injury to several people.

In announcing that he would seek a grand jury probe of the occurrence, Mr. Hoffman issued the following statement: "The disaster coming in the wake of the Morgan explosion that threatened the very existence of the city, is enough to make the people of this city feel that their homes and their lives are continually endangered. The unfortunate happening of last night, with its terrible toll in lives and property damage, must never be repeated. It is commonly reported that loose powder was carelessly strewn about the railroad tracks, and that little or no fire escape.

All traffic turned back when several cars were seen ablaze directly under the railroad bridge. Hundreds of spectators crowded about both sides of the road while the tunnel was enveloped with flame. Help was given by the many who swarmed about the place. The Melrose Hose company had first aid kit with them and after 7 o'clock last night the men who were not so seriously injured. Physicians from Perth Amboy also administered help at the fire scene.

Railroad traffic to and from the shore was suspended for nearly a half an hour. Passengers alighted from the trains and augmented the large crowd. Rumors had it at first that a dozen men were burned to death and the reports circulated freely among the spectators. It was also told that the fire was checked by the water to escape being burned alive.

As the fire was checked, the vicinity of the fire scene was clogged with people from all parts. It was impossible to clear the road for traffic so automobiles were dispatched along Mechanicsville way. The state police, South Amboy police (Continued on Page 2)

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THOSE KILLED WERE IN AUTOMOBILES ON MAIN ROAD BENEATH TRACKS

Fire Started on Barge and Spread Rapidly—Powder Being Shipped from Charleston, S. C., to Lake Hopatcong by the Atlas Powder Company to be Made Into Artificial Leather—Cars Near Burning Barge Hauled Away and Left on Bridge Over State Highway—Traffic Heavy Due to Blaze and Thousands Standing Near—One Car Burning When Two Others Suddenly Bulged and Spread Hayoc in All Directions—Blazing Barges Towed Out Into Bay—Cause of Fire Unknown—Loss Estimated at Nearly \$1,000,000—Hospitals Filled With Injured.

Three persons are dead, another is expected to die in the local hospital and six others are in the South Amboy hospital, suffering from burns and injuries received as a result of the fire which occurred at the Pennsylvania railroad shipping dock South Amboy last night. The damage caused by the fire is estimated by some at close to \$1,000,000. More than twenty-five received attention at the local and South Amboy hospitals and from doctors who were called to the scene.

The dead are: Peter Marion Helles, thirty-one, 1064 Mary street, Elizabeth. James Gillen, seventeen, 243 McWalter street, Newark. William Gillen, eighteen, 243 McWalter street, Newark. Those seriously injured are: William French, twenty, 26 Goshard street, Newark. Thomas Kennedy, fifty, 256 David street, South Amboy. Frank Wallace, twenty-four, 27 Washington street, New York City. Annis Feuzel, thirty-one, 122 South Broadway, South Amboy. LeRoy Komer, twenty-two, 94 Pearl place, Perth Amboy. Horace Kemmer, twenty-seven, 94 Pearl place, Perth Amboy. Charles Zanz, thirty-two, 234 East street, Elizabeth. The slightly injured are: Hans Johnson, twenty-eight, Amboy road, Sayreville. Terence Hoare, thirty-four, 517 Third avenue, New York. Edward L. Foss, forty-five, Addison, Maine. Henry Johnson, twenty-six, 123 N. Bergen street, Staten Island. Robert Brown, forty-three, barge Thomas Sheridan. Milton Fox, twenty-three, 249 Church street, South Amboy. John Kendall, twenty, Church street, South Amboy. Winifred Foss, thirteen, barge Edward Howard. Mary Miller, twelve, 239 Henry street, South Amboy. Joseph Dolina, twenty-four, Keasbey. Mrs. James A. Layden, 185 Sherman street, Perth Amboy. Edward Steuber, twenty-seven, Keasbey, South Amboy. Jack Ford, thirty-one, Matawan. Frank Dolina, eighteen, Keasbey. Stephen Dolina, twenty-eight, Keasbey. Donald Garretson, twenty-seven, Amboy avenue, Perth Amboy. Quinton Taylor, nineteen, 256 Market street, Perth Amboy.

From an unknown cause, a fire started in one of five box cars loaded with smokeless powder, near a barge at the docks. The barge also was partly loaded with powder. A flare-up, visible for miles around, was the start and in a short time it looked as though the city was threatened.

There were almost 40,000 cases of the smokeless powder being shipped by the Atlas Powder Company from Charleston, S. C., to the Atlas Powder Company plant at Lake Hopatcong, in the Pennsylvania yard and at the dock when the first flare-up occurred. There were 22,400 cases loaded in box cars near the dock and 5,600 cases in the barge Charles McLinane which has been unloading for a period of about two weeks. It is said.

Following the first flare-up, employees of the railroad company started to move the loaded box cars from the scene of the fire. They were successful in getting as far as the overhead bridge over the main highway leading to this city, when one of the three cars went up in flames.

Cars from this city and other towns were hurried to the scene of the big fire at the docks when a second flare-up occurred on the bridge directly above the main highway. As a result of this flare-up, Helles, who was on the dock and the Gillen brothers, who died in the local hospital this morning were burned. In addition, eight automobiles were badly damaged by the burning debris from the freight cars above.

The damage on the highway was caused when the door was blown from the third car of the three taken up from the docks. The burning door and powder boxes toppled over on parked cars and others passing under the bridge. The three dead were in automobiles which are said to have parked in the vicinity of the overhead structure.

All of the South Amboy fire companies were called out on the first alarm and when the blaze was found to be beyond their control, word was sent to Sayreville, Morgan ordinance dept and this city for assistance. A locomotive in charge of Thomas Kennedy, of 326 David street, South Amboy, pulled the three cars from the docks to a point above the bridge. It was originally planned to take the cars to the outskirts, but the heat when the bridge was reached, was so great that the men in charge had to abandon the work. Kennedy was attended at the local hospital for burns about the back and lower limbs.

While firemen battled the blaze at the dock, tugboats succeeded in pulling two barges which had just started to burn, out in the river, where they burned out. Train cars were busily engaged in getting box cars out of danger and one fire company centered its efforts on the fire on top of the bridge, and on the burning cars below.

Hurry calls were sent to this city and adjoining cities for doctors and automobiles, and the police ambulance corps. Six doctors from this city responded to the call. All available ambulances were kept busy carrying injured people, many picked from along the road near the overhead bridge, to the local and South Amboy hospitals. Red Cross representatives assisted in caring for the injured.

Tugs Fight Fire. Several Pennsylvania railroad tugboats secured a position to the north of the dock fire and fire companies fought the blaze from the south of the dock and barges. The under control tugs sounded after three hours of fighting out the tug and the two of the companies remained at the scene throughout the night to prevent a new start. At one time when the blaze reached its height, it appeared as if the tug would have to abandon the fight for three were set afire. A southerly wind was blowing and sent the smoke and flames from the dock in the direction of the river and this city. The fire might have reached the business district, if a different wind had been blowing.

To add to the excitement of the South Amboy residents electric light service was crippled in most sections and telephone service was interrupted. The entire police department and many special officers were out in an effort to break up the traffic jam so as to allow for the passage of summoned doctors ambulances and fire companies.

While firemen were taking place all about, Miss Leonia Howard, telephone operator at the Pennsylvania railroad dock office remained at her post and sent messages to hospitals, doctors, fire companies and nearby police departments.

After the fire had been declared under control and all the injured taken care of, the condition of the city remained somewhat upset as a result of searches being made by persons who believed relatives of theirs were among the injured. Those injured were attached to the railroad company, employed on barges or were sightseers.

While a train was stopped near the South Amboy Pennsylvania railroad (Continued on Page 2)

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